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***ENZI EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER UNFOUNDED
OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
TO LEAD WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION***

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today expressed disappointment over opposition holding up the President's nomination of Paul DeCamp as Wage and Hour Administrator for the Department of Labor (DOL) and reiterated his confidence in DeCamp's record and experience to effectively enforce critical workplace laws.

"I am deeply disappointed that opponents of Mr. DeCamp's nomination are willing to leave this very important position without a Senate-confirmed leader," Enzi said. "During Mr. DeCamp's confirmation hearing last month, opponents had the chance to publicly challenge his views and vision for the Wage and Hour Administration, but chose not to do so.

"The President's critics have not made a credible case to block this nomination, particularly in light of Mr. DeCamp's strong qualifications. Given this opposition, I understand President Bush's decision to issue a recess appointment for Mr. DeCamp today."

"Mr. DeCamp has had a distinguished career in private legal practice where he specialized in labor and employment issues with a special emphasis on wage and hour matters," Enzi added. "His experience on the front lines is essential to administering the minimum wage, overtime pay, and the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, laws which protect our nation's greatest resource – our workers."

In addition to administering the Fair Labor Standards Act, which covers some 110 million full-time and part-time workers, the Wage and Hour Division is responsible for the administration and enforcement of a number of other important workplace laws, including the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Workers Protection Act, and the three major statutes governing wage and hour standards for

government contractors - the Davis Bacon Act, the McNamara-O'Hara Service Contract Act, and the Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act.

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